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AND MANAGER TERMINAL :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by user identifier registration means for issuing an identifier for uniquely specifying a user, necessary for performing user authentication to make possible connection for the user who cannot connect to said access right setting apparatus for accessing said resource, and registering the identifier as a part of said access request information.
6. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by access request information acceptance means which can accept said access request information designated by an identifier or classification of said resource,

not by an identifier for uniquely specifying said resource with respect to designation of said resource as an object of the access right setting described in said access request information.

7. (Amended) The manager terminal according to claim 3, characterized by access object resource selection means by which a manager can select said resource as an object of utilization from a plurality of resources, when said resource as an object of the access right setting described in said access request information is designated not by an identifier for uniquely specifying said resource, but by an identifier of classification of said resource with respect to designation of said resource as the object of the access right setting described in said access request information, and when there are a plurality of corresponding said resources.

8. (Amended) The manager terminal according to claim 3, characterized by access request information change means which can change the content described in said access request information received from said access right setting apparatus.

9. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by an open resource information storage device which can store information open to an access originator of said resource among information of not an identifier for uniquely specifying said resource, but an identifier of classification of said resource with respect to designation of said resource as the object of the access right setting described in said access request information.

10. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by display information preparation means which can convert the content described in said access request information to a visually and easily understandable natural language in order to accurately notify said manager of said access request information.

11. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by access request information authentication means for authenticating said access request information in order to confirm that said access request information is not prepared by an illicit action represented by falsification or pretense.

12. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by:

request information transfer means for a mobile terminal for transferring the content described in said access request information to a mobile terminal so that the content is grasped in a remote area; and

request information judgment means for the mobile terminal for performing the enable/disable judgment of said access request information from said mobile terminal.

14. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to claim 12, characterized by request information change means for the mobile terminal for performing the change of the content described in said access request information from said mobile terminal.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to improve their format. None of these amendments is believed to involve any new matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP REVISIONS

IN THE CLAIMS

5. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized by user identifier registration means for issuing an identifier for uniquely specifying a user, necessary for performing user authentication to make possible connection for the user who cannot connect to said access right setting apparatus for accessing said resource, and registering the identifier as a part of said access request information.

6. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to [any one of claims 1, 2, and 5] claim 1, characterized by access request information acceptance means which can accept said access request information designated by an identifier or classification of said resource, not by an identifier for uniquely specifying said resource with respect to designation of said resource as an object of the access right setting described in said access request information.

7. (Amended) The manager terminal according to claim 3 [or 4], characterized by access object resource selection means by which a manager can select said resources as an object of utilization from a plurality of resources, when said resource as an object of the access right setting described in said access request information is designated not by an identifier for uniquely specifying said resource, but by an identifier of classification of said resource with respect to designation of said resource as the object of the access right setting described in said access request information, and when there are a plurality of corresponding said resources.

8. (Amended) The manager terminal according to [any one of claims 3, 4 and 7] claim 3, characterized by access request information change means which can change the content described in said access request information received from said access right setting apparatus.

9. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to [any one of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6] claim 1, characterized by an open resource information storage device which can store information open to an access originator of said resource among information of not an identifier for uniquely specifying said resource, but an identifier of classification of said resource with respect to designation of said resource as the object of the access right setting described in said access request information.

10. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to [any one of claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 9] claim 1, characterized by display information preparation means which can convert the content described in said access request information to a visually and easily understandable natural language in order to accurately notify said manager of said access right information.

11. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to [any one of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 10] claim 1, characterized by access request information authentication means for authenticating said access request information in order to confirm that said access request information is not prepared by an illicit action represented by falsification or pretense.

12. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to [any one of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11] claim 1, characterized by:

request information transfer means for a mobile terminal for transferring the content described in said access request information to a mobile terminal so that the content is grasped in a remote area; and

request information judgment means for the mobile terminal for performing the enable/disable judgment of said access request information from said mobile terminal.

14. (Amended) The access right setting apparatus according to claim 12 [or 13], characterized by request information change means for the mobile terminal for

